

That Spelling Match.
SALEM, April 1st, 1877.
Words are useless. Work does and will tell. We have beaten Mr. Elliott and school. I will go to Linn county at any convenient time and collect my old school and go through the branches taught in the common schools, I am willing to spend the first week in July in this manner. Remember Mr. Elliott, that we stand identical with our schools. My school and I will try to work all problems, diagram and parse all sentences, and so on, which you may propose, and you and your school to do likewise. To decline this proposition will be to acknowledge that your victories (?) were not real.
ALBERT HODGES.

European Grain Market.
LONDON, April 2.—The *Mark Lane Express* says: Considerable rain has fallen the past week, and the weather has been unfavorable for agricultural labor. The temperature, however, has been more equal than of late, and pastures have been benefited by warm showers, which have done no harm to the growing plants. Some progress has been made with sowing and planting, but dry weather is much needed to bring land into suitable order for sowing. A majority of the country markets have been scantily supplied with English wheat. This shortness of the supply will probably be noticeable some time, especially as a stronger tone and advancing prices at Mark Lane will cause holders to become careless of selling. A marked alteration has taken place in the local trade, and a heavy demand has been experienced for wheat in all positions, at an advance of 1/2s per quarter. The time has now arrived when buyers cannot shut their eyes to the fact that our requirements between this and harvest will be greater than can be met with the available supplies, as long as imports continue on their present limited scale, while at the same time no doubt can be entertained that the steady consumption which has been going on, has so reduced granary stocks that higher prices for wheat, especially red, will probably prevail in our market for some time. The present strength of trade may be attributed to a healthy action of consumption against supplies unsupported as it is either by speculation, enterprise or political necessities. Up to the present deficiencies of supply have been made out of granary stocks, but the point is now reached in depletion of such stocks throughout the country which compels holders to ask themselves if they are justified in parting with wheat at present prices, there being no immediate prospect before them of increased supplies to meet the steady requirements. In such situation we turn instinctively to American imports into London from Atlantic ports, which for the week past have been insignificant, and last week were nothing, while shipments thence were meagre. The conviction forces itself upon us that America has not a surplus to meet our requirements; Russia may send us wheat as soon as navigation allows its transit from the interior, but there are grounds for believing she is unable to supply more than the usual quota. Neither is much to be expected from Australia and Chili, where the crops are very deficient. California and India may be relied on for white wheat, but the same will which supplies already come forward have been absorbed leads to the conclusion that every quarter that may reach us will be required. The noteworthy feature of trade has been the absence of speculation.

Portland Produce Market.
We copy the following from the Oregonian of the 5:
Wheat—The market is very quiet and average quotations \$1.93 1/2 per cental.
Flour—Best brands \$3.50 per bbl.; outside and country brands, \$3.25-5.50; fine and superfine, \$4.75-5.00.
Oats—Best, 90-92 common, 57-60c.
Hay—Choice timothy, baled, \$15.00; loose \$14.15.
Bacon—Sides 12-13c hams, 13-16c; shoulders, 10c.
Lard—Oregon-made, fresh, in tins, 13-14c per lb; in kegs, 12-13c.
Chicken—\$2.50-4.50 per dozen.
Butter—22-25c; Cheese, 10-12c.
Eggs—18 to 20c per doz.
Potatoes—30 to 35c.

The Local Produce Market.
Trade at Salem has been dull of late, but the merchants are generally getting in new stocks of goods in anticipation of the Spring demand.
Wheat is still \$1 at the mill; oats and hay as previously stated; no change of importance in groceries; domestic products abundant and the price in accord with the season. Potatoes are nominal, stock small. Butter, fresh rolls, 25c; eggs, per dozen, 15c; apples in good supply.

San Francisco Market.
[BY TELEGRAPH.]
San Francisco, April 3.
Flour—Extra jobbing, \$6.00-7.25.
Wheat—Very dull, none offering. Not over \$2.15 can be obtained for shipping; milling, \$2.12-2.15.
Oats—\$1.00-1.25.
Barley—Brewing, \$1.45-1.55; feed, \$1.00-1.15.
Legal Tenders, 95% buying; 96% selling.
Liverpool wheat market to-day—10s 9/16 @ 10 1/2 for average California; 11s 9/16 @ 11 1/4 for Club.

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J. A. BAKER, Sheriff of Marion County.
March 28, 1877.

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